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Impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich should have no access to any federal funds resulting from any economic stimulus package, U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-10th, said Monday.

Kirk plans to propose an amendment to President-elect Barack Obama's stimulus package, expected to reach a price tag of \$1 trillion, that would bypass the governor's office and put funding in the hands of the Illinois General Assembly.

"I think this is necessary to prevent any temptation to him to provide a parting gift of the billions of dollars in funds that will be made available to the states, including the state of Illinois," Kirk said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said the stimulus bill will be enacted Feb. 12, and Kirk said it's not clear whether Blagojevich's impeachment trial will have concluded by then.

"Billions will be available to the states, and governors across America will have great discretion as to how those stimulus funds will be allocated," he said. "Since there will be no Congressional earmarks ... we want to make sure federal law denies Gov. Blagojevich any chance to provide funds through his office to any one of his friends or allies."

Kirk said providing funds directly to state legislatures has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Even as he debates the economic stimulus package, Kirk said he will be wearing his fiscal conservative hat, given his concern for the expanding federal debt.

The current budget already relies on borrowing \$1 trillion, and plans would double that debt to

provide emergency aid to the economy.

To repay all that debt, Kirk estimated, would total roughly \$76,000 in additional taxes on an American taxpayer's lifetime bill.

"That means that each family will lose the cost of a four-year college education to pay back the debt being accumulated," he said. "I am very worried about that impact on the long-term economy of the United States."